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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Akihiko TAKEUCHI et al.  
Title: BLOOD PRESSURE-LOWERING AGENT,  
VASCULAR FLEXIBILITY-  
AMELIORATING AGENT AND FOODS  
HAVING THEIR FUNCTIONS (As Amended)  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action issued February 29, 2008, and reissued March 10, 2008. A Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith to make this response timely.

The pending claims are set forth in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

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